the public will also encourage such acts by showing their appreciation of disinterested labours wherever they may be found.

3.—Measures in Progress or Projected.

46. Having now given a retrospect of the principal events of the year's administration, I shall proceed to place before you the measures in progress or under contemplation.

47. Government have embarked on an active railway policy. They are desirous, if possible, of extending the railway line from Nanjangud in the Mysore District to join the South Indian Railway on one side or the other of the Nilgiris. The question of linking up Arsikere on the Bangalore-Harihar line with the port of Mangalore is also under consideration. In regard to both these lines, Government are prepared to construct the portions of the railway within State limits, and both the questions are at present under correspondence with the Government of India.

The construction of minor feeder lines within the State will be actively proceeded with in the order of their urgency and importance.

48. The construction of productive public works is proceeding as rapidly as circumstances permit. A forward policy in this respect is subject to two essential limitations, *viz.*, (1) that the investment in each case should be remunerative and constitute a fresh asset, and (2) that, under no conceivable circumstances, should the finances of the State suffer embarrassment.

The Kannambadi Reservoir is being pushed on with the connected works. The main object of the reservoir, as you are aware, is to provide irrigation for perennial crops for which hitherto there has been no satisfactory provision in that valley and to protect the supply of electric power. That reservoir, if completed on the scale already designed, will store some of the water which is

now going to waste into the sea, and along with the canals to be completed will prove a large protective work which will materially minimise the evil effects of famine. The reservoir will also contribute to the extension of the cultivation of high class perennial crops which will be fully protected.

49. The Fourth Installation of the Cauvery Power Supply Scheme is well in hand, and we have just concluded an agreement with the Kolar Mining Companies, under which, protection will be afforded to the existing power supply by the storage in the Kannambadi Reservoir, and the Mining Companies will also obtain additional power supply. You may be aware that mining is now carried on in places at a depth measuring nearly one mile below ground surface. The arrangement now come to will enable the Mining Companies to work the mines at greater depths with profit and will also bring in additional revenue to Government. We have recently reduced the rates for electric power in the City of Bangalore with a view to encouraging power consumption for industrial purposes, and Government will be prepared to further increase the power supply to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore, should demand arise for more.

50. Special arrangements are being made at present on an experimental scale for the better supervision of the major irrigation tanks and channels with a view to the scientific control and distribution of water and the more extended cultivation of sugar-cane and other commercial crops.

The improvement of minor irrigation works, about which representations have been made so often in this Assembly, awaits the completion of the necessary village organization for developing the works with Government help. It is the hope of His Highness' Government to deal effectively with this problem of minor tanks in the coming years.

51. The town-planning schemes for Bangalore and Mysore, the water-supply and drainage projects for numerous towns in the State require systematic development, and some of these are receiving attention.

The newly started Industries and Commerce Department will be given every facility to assist private industries and enterprises.

The Agricultural Department has been strengthened by the appointment of a Director and the arrangements necessary for developing its activities and opera-

tions to promote the agricultural interests of the State are receiving attention.

Great importance will hereafter be attached to the development of the co-operative movement with a view to extend the co-operative principle to many forms of business in villages and to rural transactions generally.

A new Village Courts Act has just been passed; the establishment of Village Panchayets for the management of village sanitation, irrigation and other functions of the village communities will receive the earliest consideration of Government.

As described already, orders will issue shortly regarding the practical measures proposed for reducing the unhealthiness and arresting the decline of population in the Malnad.

Following the example of the Government of India, larger grants are being given and much attention is being paid to the development of education within the State. A scheme for establishing a University for Mysore is engaging the attention of His Highness' Government.

The above are measures in regard to which we see our way clear. There are numerous other matters under investigation or in various stages of development or study.

4.—Retrospect of Thirty Years' Administration.

52. It may also probably interest you, if I give here a short retrospect of the progress which the country has made since 1881 during the 30 years ended 1910-11. As every one of you may be aware, the Rendition of the country took place on the 25th March 1881, after a very successful administration by the British Commission for half a century. Owing, however, to the terrible effects of the great famine of 1876-78,—the severest through which the State has passed during the past fifty years,—the beneficial effects of the British administration were